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SUBJ: STREAMROLLER TACTICS IN UNGA

REF: STATE 104050

1. USG POSITION: OVER PAST WEEK AMB RAISED ISSUE STEAM-ROLLER TACTICS IN UN SEPARATELY WITH TOP THREE FONOFF OFFICIALS INCLUDING FONMIN NSEKALIJE (WHO ATTENDED UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION). PRESENTATION WAS ALONG LINES REFTTEL WITH ADDED COMMENT THAT RWANDA AS MODERATE STATE HAS MOST TO LOSE BY TENDENCY LARGER AND MORE RADICAL STATES TO EXPLOIT UN FOR COSEMETIC RATHER THAN PRACTICAL PURPOSES.

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2. FONOFF ATTITUDES: ALL THREE OFFICIALS RECOGNIZED TREND

EXISTS AND THAT IT IS IN LONG-RUN DETRIMENTAL UN CREDIBILITY AND TO RWANDAN INTERESTS. AT SAME TIME, THEY INDIVIDUALLY NOTED OR INFERRED THAT RWANDA BY ITSELF HAS NO LEVERAGE ON MATTER AND CURRENT GOR POLICY OF SEEKING CONSOLIDATE IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS IS OF HIGHER PRIORITY. FONMIN WAS CANDID IN STATING GOR DOES NOT BELIEVE UN ABLE PLAY MEANINGFUL ROLE ON MATTERS IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE TO RWANDA SUCH AS OIL AND ECONOMIC AID. GOR BELIEVES OTHER INT'L ORGS (SUCH AS OAU AND OPEC) MORE IMPORTANT FROM STANDPOINT IMPLEMENTATION. ONE OFFICIAL COMPARED LDC DELS AT UN TO "...CHILDREN ASKING FOR CANDY. THEY MAKE A LOT OF NOISE, BUT DON'T ALWAYS EXPECT TO GET VERY MUCH".

3. COMMENT: UNFORTUNATELY, FONOFF ATTITUDE REFLECTIVE SMALL COUNTRY PSYCHOLOGY, EVEN IF CANDID. GOR ATTITUDE, HOWEVER, ALSO CUTS BOTH WAYS. ITS COMPARATIVELY LOW UN EVALUATION HAS SO FAR FACILITATED STRADDLING FENCE ON POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS UNCURK AND KOREA THEREBY GIVING USG INDIRECT SUPPORT.

4. AS FOR REMEDIAL EFFORTS, EMB STILL PONDERING STATE 099106 ON NON-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES IN INT'L ORGS AND WILL RESPOND BY END JUNE.
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